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1. PAK NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 14 CARRIED BRIEF APP REPORT THAT A SERIES OF HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS BY MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE TAKING PLACE TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF BORDER PILLARS. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE WEST PAKISTAN RANGERS INITIATED THE TALKS WHICH RESULTED IN TWO MEETVINGS WITH THE EAST PUNJAB BORDER SECURITY FORCE. REPORTEDLY AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A SCHEDULE OF WORK TO COMMENCE JOINTLY IN THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE. IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR, ACCORDING TO THE SAME OFFICIAL NEWS HANDOUT, A SIMILAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6 AT KHOKHRAPAR BETWEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL RANGERS AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, BSF, RAJASTHAN-GUJRAT, ALONG WITH THEIR CIVILIAN ASSISTANTS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST GOOD NEWS OF INDO-PAK NORMUUIZATION OF RELATIONS SINCE THE INDIAN NUCLEAR BLAST. IT COINCIDES, HOWEVER WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ANTI-INDIAN REMARKS DURING ADDRESS ON AHMADIYA ISSUE (SEE REFTEL).

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